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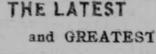
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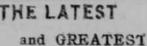
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RUSH ORDERS FOR NAVY

Repairs to Warships at Mere Island Navy Yard to be Hurried.

Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., Feb.—Rush orders have been received from Washington ordering all work now on vessels in the navy yard to be completed with the greatest possible despatch. In view of this order an extra force of men will be employed at once, and a night force was inaugurated Tuesday night to complete the repairs on the United States steamship Bennington, which is practically ready for service. Several oth-er vessels can be made ready for sea within a short time. Large quantities of stores were shipped to San Fran co yesterday to be transferred to Boston. New York and Ranger, now lying at anchor in the harbor. It is expected that the trouble brew-ing in Honduras is the only reason

for the animation now being shown at the navy yard. Will Go to Honduras.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—The warships in commission in this harbor will be on their way to Amapala, a port on the Pacific coast of Honduras, early next week. The New York, Bos

ready to start on short notice. In view of the orders, Admiral Glass yesterday relieved Admiral Casey in the command of the Pacific fleet. It had been-arranged that the flags of the admirals should be changed on February 10, but the hurry orders to the fleet to get into southern waters prompted the change being made in the commanding officers in advance of the arranged time.

Big Blaze at Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City, Feb. 5.—Fire that started in the Lion store, dealers in general merchandise, here yesterday caused the loss of \$250,000. Insurance about one-third of loss. The entire stock and building of the Lion store was consumed, entailing a loss of more than \$175,000. Another fire in a frame building on Broadway at the same time caused additional loss. Fire apparatus was sent in by El Reno and Guthrie.

Killed Himself In a Hotel. New York, Feb. 5.—A man supposed to be G. Ducksteln, an insurance agent. of 219 South Sixth street, Philadel-phia, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the head with a revolver in a hotel in Pearl street a few minutes after he had engaged a room. His only effects were a few papers of no value and some blank

Drank Disinfecting Solution. Norwich, Conn., Feb. 5.—Miss Eleanor C. Sloan, aged 27 years, accidentally drank a quantity of disinfecting so-lution containing carbolic acid, and died shortly afterwards. She had intended to take a dose of bromide for a headache. Miss Sloan was a bril-liant planist and prominent in local society. The body will be removed to Philadelphia, where the family formerly lived.

Merger Case Called. St. Paul, Minn. Feb. 5.—The Federal suit against the merger railway was called by Judge Lochran yesterday to be set for hearing. Judge George B. Young, chief counsel for the merge in this case, moved to pass the case until counsel agree on a date for hearing. The papers in the case are not ready and the counsel are busy taking the defendant's testimony in the state case The counsel agreed that the case should be called about April 1. The court or-

some time after the date mentioned by the attorneys. Wants \$2,300,000 Damages.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 5.—A sult for \$2,200,000 damages has been filed in the
"necessities" and included in the
tables showing cost of living.
"If you think there are any tables Page and the Ransom Leasing Com-pany, growing out of the sale in 1899 of the Matchless mine near Leadville, sent them."

which belonged to the Tabor Mines and Milling Company. The mine was sold for something like \$13,000 to satisfy judgment which the defendants are said to have held against the Tabor Company. Fraud is alleged. Vessel Swallowed Up at Sea. San Francisco, Feb. 5.—The steamer Alameda, which arrived here yester-

day from Honolulu, reports having seen during a storm on the night of January 30 the distress signal of a square rigger. In less than 10 min-utes the square rigger had disappear-ed, and it is believed it must have been swallowed up in the sea. It is thought here that the disabled vessel may have been the Florence, an American ves-sel now out 65 days from Tacoma for

Burglar in Waldorf-Astoria.

New York, Feb. 5.—A well-dressed young man, who described himself as Herman Cordes, of 2031 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, was arrested last night while prowling about the upper corridor of the Waldorf-Astoria and apparently trying the doors of rooms. At this season of "Good Will," when we should all be grateful for the many blessings we have enjoyed, I wish to thank you for the liberal patronage you have bestowed apon me. I cordially invite your continued patronage, assuring you that I will not only appreciate it, but will do everything in my power to maintain it. With best wishes for your continued prosperity and happiness, I am

Very truly yours. On being searched a bottle of chloro-form, two screw drivers, a small hammer and other tools were found on him. A telegram was sent to the chief of police of Philadelphia, asking that a search be made of the prisoner's room at the Chestnut street address.

Work of Masked Thugs.
Cumberland, Md., Feb. 5. — While
Mrs. Schweitzer, an aged woman, was
alone in her home at Dumas, Pa.,
masked men tied her hands and feet. then stifled her cries with pillows and took the woman out of the house, and then ransacked the house, securing considerable booty. When the other members of the family returned home they found the woman nearly suffo-cated and almost frozen.

Prench warthip Founders.
Paris. Feb. 5.—The French torpedoboat destroyer Espignole has foundered in 15 fathems of water off Cape
Lardier, about 35 miles east of Toulon. Another destroyer has gode sshore at the same point

# EXPERT UNDER FIRE

Lively Tilt Over Figures Before Coal Strike Commission

MANY INACCURACIES NOTED

Mr. Darrow's Cross-Examination of Statistician Was So Severe That Chairman Gray Interfered in Behalf of the Witness.

Philadelphia, Feb. 5.-Several interesting incidents occurred during yesterday's sessions of the anthracite coal strike commission. The morning ses-sion was enlivened by the rigid crossexamination of H. D. Newcomb, a stat-istician for the Rending Company, by Attorney Darrow, for the miners, and the spirited passages between the law-yer and the witness. Several times Chairman Gray felt impelled to inter-fere on behalf of the witness, admon-ishing counsel to be less severe in his criticism of Mr. Newcomb's statements and figures. The witness, during the course of his examination, said he ap-

course of his examination, said he appeared to be giving a kindergarten lesson, and the miners' attorney said:
"To whom; the commission?"
"No; to you," replied the witness.
"I doubt if you are even qualified to do that," was the lawyer's response. Mr. Newcomb had prepared 37 ta-bles of figures showing various rates of ton and Ranger are now in the bay wages in industries throughout the wages in industries throughout the country. His averages and conclusions were sharply questioned, and in one case the witness admitted his scheed-ule was incorrect. Another time the expert admitted the figures he had given the commission did not apply to Pennsylvania.

The tables as prepared showed a death rate of 1 5-10 per cent of miners and quarrymen over 65 years of age. "You have found that mining is the st healthful occupation of all la-

bor?" asked Mr. Darrow. "The death rate is lower in that class according to United States figures." 'Ah, you mean the figures lie, and

You are insolent, Mr. Darow. You have no right to say such a thing to

"Yes; you have gone far beyond the "Yes; you have gone far beyond the line, Mr. Darrow," said Judge Gray. "You think your figures as pre-sented are fair, careful, and honest?" continued the miners' lawyer.

"This isn't fair cross-examination, interjected Mr. Wolverton.
Mr. Darrow continued: "What do your figures show in the death rate for

railroad men "" "10.8 per thousand."
"What for ministers?"

"Then it seems it's more dangerous to be a clergyman than to be a brake-

"No. In the professions such as ministers the death rate is high be cause ministers, as a rule, are men well advanced in years. They don't become ministers, as a rule, until they are 30 years of age. For this reason there are many deaths from old age In the field of labor a large percentage of the workers are young men. That makes the difference."

The remainder of Newcomb's occu-pancy of the witness stand was a series of tilts between Attorney Darrow and the statistician.

The comparative statements were riddled under the lawyer's merciless fire, and finally Newcomb admitted that a compilation presented by the miners' counsel was more nearly correct than those offered by himself.
One record prepared by witness included among the necessities of a miner's life a miscollaneous assortment of
commodities ranging from copper and

be called about April 1. The court or-dered the case to be placed on the docket for hearing at the present term some time after the data received the case should tron ingots to drugs. "Do the miners consider wood alco-hol a necessity" asked Bishop Spal-

brimstone, I imagine," suggested Com-missioner Clark, all three of the arti-

"If you think there are any tables

side was endeavoring to break its agreement with the operators regarding agreement with the operators regarding the basis of percentage in arriving at a definite conclusion as to the earnings of contract miners. Numerous wit-nesses have testified that the operators' statements presented to the com-mission show only the gross earnings of the contract miners and fail to acwith the helpers. companies admitted that the books ac-counted for the wages paid to the con-tract miners only, as the helpers were paid by the miners. This fact having been previously stated to the commi sion and an agreement having been reached by both sides as to the manner of making deductions in order to learn as nearly as possione are accum expe-ings of the miners, the operators' coun-sel characterized as farcical the calling of so many witnesses to attack the

companies' figures A score of wi A score of witnesses, miners em-ployed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, the Pennsyl-vania Coal company, the Hillside Coa and Iron company, and the Temple Iron company were examined concerning the wage statements of the corporations. In every case they claimed to have actually received considerably less than was credited to them. They were unanimous in demanding pay-ment by weight.

Manilia Free From Cholera.

Manila, Feb. 5.—The United States quarantine officials have declared Manila to be free from cholera, thus ending the quarantine which has lasted nearly a year. Though cholera has disappeared from Manila, it is still epidemic in parts of the islands. The total of the reported cases since the outbreak is 120,363, with \$2,955 deaths. The actual number is probably 20 percent more.

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NUGGETS OF NEWS

Reports from Northern China say Reports from Northern China say the "Boxers" are organizing a large army to exterminate the foreigners. The main boiler shop of the Harris-burg (Pa.) Eoiler Company was de-stroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$30,000. About 100 men were caught yester-day by the New York police in a raid on a gambling house in West 31st

on a games of General Miles yesterday was the guest of Colenel Cody in London, where the Wild West Show is being old for sale cheap. They are all right in every particular.

M. B. ROWE.

Senator Lodge yesterday introduced a bill authorizing the erection in Wash-ington of a monument to John Paul Jones, at a cost of \$50,000. The Pennsylvania legislature yester-

lay passed a resolution for the appointment of a commission of 32 to represent Pennsylvania at the St. Louis Fair and appropriating \$300,000 for the section of a building.

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